

**CONSUMER LEVEL DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRING  
DIGITAL IMAGES TO AN INTERNET-BASED SERVICE PROVIDER**

5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 An apparatus and method are provided for processing  
digital imagery. A reference platform device is provided  
with network and telephone connectivity that enable it to  
establish a connection with a central server. Additional  
15 connectors are provided for attaching digital cameras and  
video equipment to the reference platform. The user can  
connect their camera to the reference platform and, by  
simply pressing a single button, initiate a new  
connection to the central server and upload the  
20 electronic image files. Once uploaded, the user can edit  
the image files using a standard web browser and have the  
processed images reduced to paper or compact disk and  
forwarded to another location for pick up or mailing.